

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Indonesia
Program Title:	Democracy Reform
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	497-007
Status:	Continuing
Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:	\$9,000,000 DA; \$28,000,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$7,000,000 DA; \$27,500,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2000
Estimated Completion Date:	FY 2005

Summary: The USAID Democracy and Reform objective aims to further democratic reforms in the world's largest Muslim country by providing technical assistance, training, and grant support to: deepen competitive political processes for Indonesia's 2004 elections; strengthen civil society, including moderate Muslim and secular organizations, by increasing citizen participation and promoting religious tolerance, conflict prevention, respect for human rights, and the long-term sustainability of local NGOs; foster transparency and accountability in governance institutions implementing legislative and constitutional reforms at the national and local level; develop an independent media; and further justice sector reforms.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2003 Program:

Support for 2004 Elections (\$18,000,000 ESF). USAID will expand assistance supporting preparations for elections in mid-2004, when Indonesians will vote directly for their President and Vice President for the first time. Technical support to Parliament will finalize the electoral legislative framework, including laws governing the elections process and political parties, and build the capacity of the National Elections Commission to supervise the election process and resolve post-election dispute adjudication. Support to strengthen Indonesia's multi-party system will be maintained, prioritizing issue-oriented and non-violent campaigning and party pollwatcher training. Civil society groups will receive support to monitor the electoral process and increase citizen knowledge through voter/civic education and public surveys. USAID will help the media play a responsible and objective role in covering the elections and disseminating information. (National Democratic Institute, International Republican Institute, The Asia Foundation, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, Internews, Center for Electoral Reform)

Increase Citizen Participation in Governance (\$6,250,000 DA; \$5,000,000 ESF). USAID supports an innovative program for moderate Muslim groups to advocate tolerance and human rights. In six focus regions including Papua and Aceh, USAID provides grants to 150 civil society organizations involved in national and local advocacy campaigns that address issues such as human rights, inter-faith dialogue, labor rights, conflict mitigation, anti-corruption, and local governance. The program builds capacity of local NGOs in management and financial self-reliance to ensure sustainability. (Chemonics, The Asia Foundation, and American Center for International Labor Solidarity)

Strengthen Key Governance Institutions (\$1,500,000 DA). USAID will promote more transparent budgeting, planning, and public outreach through work with the National Parliament secretariat, committees, and members. The program will also provide comparative analyses to assist legislators in finalizing major constitutional reforms. Legislative associations of municipal and district assemblies will receive support to build up their role as policy advocates for decentralization. USAID will support implementation of Special Autonomy laws in Papua and Aceh. Funds will also strengthen local parliaments in regions involved in British Petroleum's (BP) development of natural gas resources in Papua, part of USAID/Indonesia's broader public-private partnership with BP. (National Democratic Institute)

Promote Justice Sector Reform (\$1,250,000 DA; \$5,000,000 ESF). USAID will build the capacity of justice sector institutions, such as the National Ombudsman Commission, to carry out legal reforms. USAID will support civil society-led efforts to collaborate with institutions, such as the Supreme Court and National Law Commission, to meet common legal reform goals including stronger judicial independence and establishment of a Judicial Commission. Work with civil society will focus on increasing public access to laws and on promoting informed debate about reform. Grants to human rights groups in conflict areas will build their capacity as institutions and will finance programs on issues such as missing persons, violence against women, and trafficking in persons. (The Asia Foundation, American Center for International Labor Solidarity, International Catholic Migration Commission)

State Department Programs (Funding level to be determined, and will come from other ESF programs listed above). Funds will be transferred to the State Department to support public diplomacy and police reform activities.

FY 2004 Program:

Support for 2004 Elections (\$6,000,000 ESF). USAID plans to continue support leading up to the elections in mid-2004, and focus post-election assistance on finalizing institutional development programs with the National Elections Commission and political party reforms.

Increase Citizen Participation in Governance (\$5,000,000 DA; \$2,000,000 ESF). ESF resources will allow USAID to expand efforts that promote moderation, pluralism, and tolerance within Muslim communities and in conflict areas. USAID plans to launch a new civil society strengthening program that targets groups with proven advocacy records. Additional DA funding will allow USAID to undertake new programs to strengthen civic basic education.

Strengthen Key Governance Institutions (\$1,000,000 DA; \$2,000,000 ESF). USAID plans to expand institution building programs that advance Indonesia's democratic transition and political reform process in the post-elections environment. USAID plans to strengthen newly elected national and local parliaments (including the newly-established Upper House) and support legislative associations.

Promote Justice Sector Reform (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID plans to provide technical assistance to continue rule of law initiatives that develop the capacity of justice sector institutions and encourage civil society advocacy.

State Department Programs (\$17,500,000 ESF). USAID anticipates a transfer of ESF resources to the State Department and other federal agencies to support public diplomacy, counter-terrorism, and police reform activities. The State Department and USAID are conducting a joint review of the Indonesia ESF portfolio. This review may ultimately entail changes in the level of funding of the programs and activities. Changes will be notified to Congress through established procedures.

Performance and Results: USAID assistance helped Indonesia improve its government accountability and responsiveness by amending the constitution to allow for direct election of presidential and vice presidential candidates, by creating a second chamber of the National Parliament, and by eliminating all non-elected members from the National Parliament. USAID expanded its program supporting moderate Muslim groups that promote religious tolerance. These groups carried out civic education programs on human rights, religious and ethnic pluralism, democratic processes, and women's rights; 1,000 different publications on the role of Islam in a democracy were disseminated; and 40,000 weekly pamphlets promoting the views of moderate Muslim thinkers were distributed after Friday prayers in 21 cities. Civil society's ability to engage government through advocacy and monitoring was enhanced, as evidenced by citizens providing input into over 50 national bills and government regulations. USAID trained more than 20,000 NGO members, labor activists, and community leaders in advocacy, financial management, fundraising, and conflict resolution. USAID's media partners mounted a successful advocacy campaign against the rebirth of the Ministry of Information, the main instrument used to control media under authoritarian rule. USAID's support enhanced journalistic standards, providing sustained training to 700 journalists across the country and shorter training to nearly 1,800 others.